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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the patent documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449 (the "citation form"). The documents were recently cited in the enclosed European Search Report, which is dated February 4, 2004. A photocopy of the German patent document also is enclosed.

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CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the Examiner consider the cited information and that an annotated copy of the citation form be returned indicating such consideration.

Favorable consideration hereof is earnestly solicited.

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## OTHER DOCUMENT(S) (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)


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